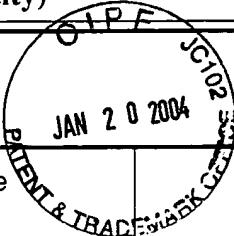


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

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The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

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from: <u>12/8/2003</u> <i>Date</i>	until: <u>1/8/2004</u> <i>Date</i>			

The fee for the extension of time is \$110 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-2425
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 06-2425

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